

# THE RENDEZVOUS:

A NEW PERSPECTIVE OF A  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE:  
CoMe FUSION  
AT BRICKFIELDS, KUALA LUMPUR

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## ABSTRACT

This thesis is about introducing The RENDEZVOUS, a new perspective of a Community Development Centre at Brickfield. It is a unique fusion called as **CoMe** – a Community Development Centre for the ‘Brickfieldians’ and a Memorial for Tun Sambanthan. This site specific fusion emerged due to the main idea of tackling the issues faced by her people and the planning visions of the authorities for the ever developing Brickfields.

The challenge here was to deal on how a Memorial can be turned into a Community Development Centre and vice versa, making it to be a community benefiting architecture. This is because, in Malaysia, the average community centres are those purely being an ordinary get together place, which has no special feelings of ownership to the community – seen by the failures of the many standard factory looking “Dewan Serbaguna”. On the other hand, as for the Memorials, it is mostly a one time ‘visiting and appreciating’ place – which ends up as a place that only produces ‘touch and go’ memories of the past to the public. One rarely appreciates or remembers the meaningful message behind it daily.

Thus, through this thesis, it is hoped that this scenario could be changed, **by having a Memorial of history and heroes who are close to the peoples’ heart. It is also hoped that the Community Development Centre will be their 2nd home, as it will represent their identity and background.** Therefore, it will enrich the space to be a **meaningful & neutral monumental communal place that is not religious based** for the ‘Brickfieldians’ to be encouraged to come, get together (irrespective of their differences) and to know each other, casting away the ‘alien’ or ‘stranger’ scenario. Besides that, it will help to support them - to educate and share cultures and knowledge, exchange views, plus enhancing the binding of a strong brotherhood spirit among her people here.